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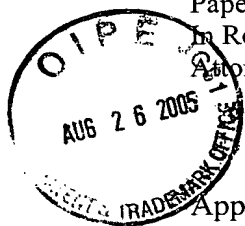
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Application No. 09/975,088

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/975,088 Confirmation No. : 7688  
Applicant : **Frederick Allan Hall**  
Filed : October 10, 2001  
Title : **IMPROVEMENTS IN AND RELATING TO KARABINERS**  
Group Art Unit : 3677  
Examiner : James R. Brittain  
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**AMENDMENT**

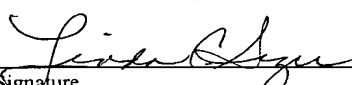
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated February 24, 2005, Applicant submits the concurrently-filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE), together with the following amendments and remarks, as well as a Petition for Extension of Time. Accordingly, prior to examination of the claims of the present application, please amend the claims as indicated hereinafter.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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